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In re Application of  
Rolfe G. Petschek et al  
Application No. 09/284,828  
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed January 24, 2002, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed March 21, 2000, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on June 22, 2000.

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. See In re Application of S., 8 USPQ2d 1630, 1631 (Comm'r Pats. 1988). Accordingly, since the \$435 extension of time submitted on September 25, 2000 was subsequent to the maximum extendable period for reply, this fee is unnecessary and will be credited to petitioner's deposit account.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Wan Laymon at (703) 305-9282.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 1756.

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